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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

At my first opportunity, I chose a competitive telephone and DSL broadband internet provider because I had been unhappy after many years as an AT&T customer due only to their monopoly control of my local market.

I have found my smaller local provider to be at reasonable cost and much more responsive to my needs, and there have been no price hikes in the several years since I switched. I do not anticipate any price hikes under the current arrangement. Due to cost considerations and other factors, I depend on my broadband service every day for many of my personal business and communication needs and appreciate the responsiveness I now experience if and when problems occasionally arise.

Living in a small town, I am very aware of those who live in surrounding rural areas who have previously had no hope of gaining viable options for broadband DSL service until local providers began expanding into those areas. These people obviously need such services just as much as, or in many cases even more than, those living in local municipalities.

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